

House Resolution No. 3481

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Marvin Eugene Harlan took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Phyllis Jean Thomas, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on July 10, 1954, in Hannibal; and

Whereas, five decades later Marvin and Phyllis Harlan of Palmyra will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on July 10, 2004, with a festive gathering of family members and friends at First Assembly of God Church in their hometown; and

Whereas, the marriage of Marvin and Phyllis Harlan has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their three children, Cynthia McDowell, Marvin “Butch” Harlan, and Judy Webster; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, retired after forty-two years with the Fabious River Drainage District, Marvin Harlan was a bus driver for the Palmyra School District whose hobbies include woodworking, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren and whose community service includes volunteering at the Palmyra Food Pantry and as a Santa’s helper in December; and

Whereas, Phyllis Harlan is a homemaker who enjoys sewing, working in her flower garden, and spending time with her grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harlan are members of First Assembly of God Church in Palmyra where Marvin is known for his participation in the Quincy, Illinois, Wood Workers Club and receipt of an Army Corps of Engineers Levee Award and Phyllis is known for her participation in the Women’s Missionary Group and volunteer efforts at the Palmyra Food Pantry; and

Whereas, Marvin and Phyllis Harlan used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Marvin and Phyllis Harlan and to convey to them this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Marvin and Phyllis Harlan of Palmyra, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3481, adopted

June 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker